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Upkeep of food stuff for zoo animals

† 245. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that gross negligence is being committed in the upkeep of food stuffs and other facilities for animals in most of the zoos in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are contemplating some effective and concrete steps for improving the situation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) There have been complaints regarding food being stored and given to animals under unhygienic conditions, and the enclosures of animals not being congenial to the health of the animals. Zoos have been directed by the Central Zoo Authority for improving the housing and upkeep of the animals and making appropriate arrangement for storage and food supply to animals. 100% assistance is provided to zoos by the Central Zoo Authority for this purpose.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.